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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" It is a long question but I will give a short answer. It will be considered."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN:—" Are the Government aware that on account of the delay in taking over estates, the landlords are resorting to illegal evictions, exactions and other illegal collections prohibited by the Zamindari Abolition Act? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" I am not aware, Sir."

Number of officers of Government drawing one thousand rupees and above.

* 57 Q.—SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of officers and heads of departments who were drawing Rs. 1,000 per mensem and above during the year 1951–52; and

(b) the amount that is being spent on them in the form of various allowances?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" (a) 198 Officers.

" (b) Rs. 3 lakhs (including special pay and dearness allowance)."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU:—" మన రాష్ట్రము యొక్క పరిస్థితులను దృష్టియందుంచుకొని ప్రస్తుతము ఒక వేయి రూపాయలకు మించిన జీతాలు తీసుకొనే, ఉద్యోగస్తుల జీతాలను తగ్గించుట సమంజసముకాదని ప్రభుత్వము భావిస్తున్నదా ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" I have no answer to give."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM:—" In view of the slender finances of our State, will the Government think it desirable not to have officers drawing above a thousand rupees in our State? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" It is rather a difficult suggestion to carry out at present."

DR. K. B. MENON:—" What is the lowest salary drawn by an N.G.O.? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" I want notice."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI:—" இங்கு ' various allowances ' என்று போட்டிருக்கிறதே, அது என்னென்ன category என்று சொல்லலாமா ?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" Dearness allowance, house-rent allowance and in some cases car allowance also."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMI NAYAGAR:—" ஆயிரம் ரூபாய்க்குமேல் சம்பளம் வாங்குபவர்களில் பிற்பட்ட இனத்தவர்கள் எவ்வளவு பேர் என்று கனம் நிதி மந்திரி அவர்கள் கூறுவார்களா ? "

MR. SPEAKER:—" The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question."

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SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" 'Various allowances' என்பதில் பர்னிசர் அலவன்ஸ் என்றும், பேடர் அலவன்ஸ் என்றும் gazetted ஆபிசர்களுக்குத் தரப்படுகிறதா ? அப்படித் தரப்படுமானால், அது அவசியமா ?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" எனக்குத் தெரிந்தவரையில் பர்னிசர் அலவன்ஸ் ஒருவருக்கும் கொடுக்கப்படவில்லை."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Answering a former supplementary question, the Hon. the Minister for Finance said that it would be difficult to reduce the salaries. When do this Government propose to effect all round retrenchment?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not know whether my Friend suggests retrenchment or cut in pay. If it is cut in pay, we are actively considering the question."

Alleged death of Rajagopal Naidu in Police lock-up.

* 58 *Q.*—SRI T. VISWANATHAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a representation, dated 15th July 1952, from Srimathi N. Govindammal of Periyakuppam village in Tiruvallur taluk was received by the Government complaining about the death of her husband in Police lock-up at Katpadi Police Station on 2nd June 1952; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Prior to this representation the Additional District Magistrate, North Arcot, held an inquest over the death with reference to the Standing Orders on the subject. A copy of his Proceedings[a] is laid on the table of the House showing conclusively that the death was due to natural causes. On the face of it there was ground for some suspicion. I therefore went through the papers evidence recorded, post-mortem certificate and Chemical Examiner's certificate and satisfied myself that the Additional District Magistrate's conclusions were fully justified."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" May I ask whether the Hon. the Chief Minister is aware that in the extract of the death report the entries as regards the cause of death and the place of death are different from what are stated in the answer. Here is a certified death report extract in Tamil and I would ask my Friend Mr. Nagarajan to read it."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Before it is read, may I submit that it is no use? A question has been asked and I have now answered it. To read an extract from a village munsif's register is neither an answer to my answer nor is it of any use."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" For the Tahsildar, somebody has signed the extract."

[a] Printed as Appendix on pages 275–276 infra.